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HHHS releases ER consolidation plan details

by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

Tensions were high in the Haliburton County Council chamber as CEO and president of Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) Carolyn Plummer and HHHS board chair David O'Brien met with council for a special meeting on Tuesday, May 16 to go over details of the plan to consolidate the Minden Emergency Department with Haliburton.

The Minden ER is set to close at 12 a.m. on June 1.

"I want to fully acknowledge the frustration, fear, and angst of the decision made by HHHS to close the Minden ER and consolidate emergency health services into the Haliburton Hospital has caused for residents across the county and beyond, but most particularly here in Minden," said Warden Liz Daniels. "Like many members of the public, county council has challenges with how this has rolled out, particularly with what has appeared to be a serious lack of communication or planning ... Considerable efforts have been made by this council and individual mayors and councillors across the county, and particularly by local residents, to reverse the decision, or at least to have it put on hold until adequate planning can be in place."

Members of the public were allowed to sit in on the special meeting.

Daniels said some of the attacks on HHHS on social media have been "out of con-



A group of concerned citizens stand in front of the Minden municipal building during the early morning hours of May 16 in preparation for the special meeting of County Council where the hospital closure was to be discussed. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

trol, and it's disappointing to see."

"It is for that reason that I have asked for the OPP presence here today, something that in my memory we have never had to do here before," she said.

O'Brien began the presentation by explaining the reason for the closure is staffing shortages.

"The decision to do the consolidation was based on severe and ongoing shortages of physicians and nurses at both sites, requiring us to consolidate the two emergency departments into one in order to have sufficient staffing to

provide one good emergency department for the entire county," O'Brien said.

He said Haliburton was chosen because of the 15 in-patient beds in the hospital.

"There are none in Minden. In order to create beds in Minden, it would probably take a considerable amount of time and many millions of dollars, and we'd probably only end up with six or 10 beds anyway," he said.

Plummer said without making the decision to close one ER, the community risked facing unplanned temporary closures of one, or likely both, departments going forward.

"The organization has fought very hard and for as long as it could to keep both emergency departments open, but with no long term solution to any of the staffing shortages, it's not something that could go on any longer," she said.

Plummer said it would've been impossible to properly alert the public about short notice closures of both ERs.

She added the decision to close Minden was not a comment on the performance of Minden ER staff.

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County finds their footing with economic development

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

Ontario celebrated their province-wide Economic Development (ED) Week from May 8 to 12, which was a timely coincidence for the County of Haliburton officially adopting their ED strategy on April 26, presented by director of economic development, Scott Ovell.

This plan has been in the works for years, and with the official adoption by county council, Ovell has been given the green light to proceed with the action items outlined in the project. “While this did take us a little bit longer than we wanted,” Ovell said, “this plan gives us the opportunity to work with a lot of different groups in the community. We are going to rely on working with these existing organizations.”

Ovell shared with the *Times* that based minimal staffing at the county ED department, partnering with established groups in the community is the key to getting this plan off the ground. These groups who are on board include but are not limited to; the Haliburton County Development Corporation, Fleming Crew, Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, and the Homebuilders Association.

“The [economic development] department has really only been functioning as a team for a year,” said Ovell, “but we are already noticing that there are organizations realizing that they can approach us and ask us for help, and we can find a way to work with them.”

Historically, the role of ED was spread across the four lower-tier municipalities, with a tourism focus sitting at a county level. Minden Hills dabbled in having a specific ED officer who focused on marketing and tourism, but the trial concept was ushered to a county level after two years in place. Highlands East currently has an economic development coordinator, but the other three lower-tier municipalities look to the county for ED support.

The ED department at a county level now comprises a

team of four, who garner a focus on tourism; the primary industry for the region.

While tourism is at the forefront of marketing initiatives, it is not the sole driver for the newly adopted ED plan. “We see it as a primary industry, so we’re not stepping away from that,” said Ovell, “but we want to be more than a marketing department. We want this to be seen as an economic development strategy for the county. Marketing tourism is a part of that, but there’s more to it.”

Ovell referenced how the plan incorporates multiple sectors beyond tourism; including climate change and community safety and well-being. He believes that by incorporating multiple areas of focus that the county is responsible for, the ED plan can have more impact on the community as a whole.

While the plan, which was produced by Strexer Harrop Consulting Group, was officially adopted by county council on April 26, it has been reviewed prior to that, meaning that it did not include the Minden emergency room closure, which was announced on April 20.

When asked about how the removal of the ER would affect the plan, Ovell was unsure at this time. “It’s certainly

going to impact it,” he told the *Times*, “but right now, we don’t exactly know how.” It is assumed that the four pillars of the plan: creation, attraction, retention, and expansion of businesses, will likely all be impacted in some capacity by lessened resources in the community, but Ovell shared that he is uncertain as to what the actual impacts would be so early in the conversation around the closure.

County council approved \$30,000 for the roll-out of the plan, which is in place for this term of council until 2026. The costs of each action item in the plan are aligned with one of the four ED pillars outlined above, including media releases, social media campaigns, a new website specific to ED, and a formalized database for businesses to access ED support.

“This isn’t going to be a plan that just sits on the shelf,” said Ovell, “because we’re not starting fresh. We’re not starting at the beginning. We’re already working on issues that were outlined in the project, so we will continue doing that.”

The full ED report and strategy can be found by visiting www.wadein.haliburtoncounty.ca.

OPP investigating reports of females being approached or followed

Members from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating two separate incidents where females have been followed or approached by unknown males.

The incidents occurred between April 25 and May 9, 2023, in the town of Minden and Haliburton.

On April 25, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., a female who was driving from Haliburton to the town of Minden believed that a gold-coloured cube van was following her. The driver went to the Haliburton Highlands OPP Detachment as a place of safety, at which point the van left the area. No description of the driver was obtained in this incident.

On May 9, 2023, at 1:30 p.m., a white pickup truck followed a female pedestrian in Haliburton. The male driving

the vehicle asked her if she wanted to make money. The male was described as having a darker complexion, spoke with a heavy accent, and was wearing a dirty grey track suit. No further descriptors are available at this time. The male exited the vehicle and followed the female on foot for a brief period.

The Haliburton Highlands OPP continue to investigate these incidents and remind all members of the public to be aware of their surroundings and personal safety at all times. Call the police to report any suspicious activity.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Haliburton Highlands OPP at 1-888-310-1122. If you wish you to remain anonymous, you can call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can also leave anonymous tips online at www.khcrimestoppers.com.

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May 25 – Regular Council Meeting

June 8 – Regular Council Meeting

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CULTURAL CENTRE EVENTS

Cross Cut, an exhibit by Rob Niezen, is now on display at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery until July 1. The exhibit features 24 linocuts illustrating traditional Ontario folk songs reimagined in a contemporary context. Listen to the songs while viewing the exhibit using the QR app on your smartphone! The gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm. Admission is by donation. For more information please look at the events calendar <https://calendar.mindenhill.ca/default/Detail/2023-05-04-1000-Cross-Cut-Exhibit-by-Rob-Niezen>.

The season opening of the Minden Hills Museum & Heritage Village and Nature's Place will take place on Saturday, May 20th from 10 am – 4 pm at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Join us for village tours, hands-on activities and demonstrations. Browning Reptiles will be here with a special exotic animal display from 1-3 pm. Admission is by donation. For more information, please call 705-286-3763 or email culturalcentre@mindenhill.ca.

County grants delay to subdivision plans

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The start of a planned Algonquin Highlands subdivision has been delayed for two years.

Haliburton County council granted the extension to Building Arts Developments Inc. during a special meeting May 10. The development encompasses four lots on Kawagama Lake.

Stephen Stone, the county's planning director, said one of the holdups to the draft plan's approval was some land titles issues the proponent encountered at the land registry office.

He said it took the proponents about a year and half to work through those issues. The delays meant the clearance of the conditions of draft plan approval will not occur as soon as anticipated.

And that's why the applicant is requesting an extension.

"We still have to verify some things on their environmental impact study," Stone said.

That should be resolved over the next few weeks.

The new draft plan approval lapsing date will be May 15, 2024.

In April 2019, county council granted draft approval to

the subdivision plan that was submitted by Building Arts Developments Inc.

All reports and studies filed in support of the Plan of Subdivision have been reviewed and the conclusions were accepted by the reviewing agencies and peer review consultants in 2019.

The Township of Algonquin Highlands supported the extension request to the draft approval of the Plan of Subdivision.

The only changes to the conditions of draft plan approval were for purposes of improving their formatting.

Among the list of requirements and condition is that the application will obtain access for each of the four lots from the waterfront of Kawagama Lake where each lot had an individual dock at the property shoreline.

A 30-metre setback from the shoreline shall be maintained from Kawagama Lake, backwaters, permanent streams and wetlands.

The setback zone shall remain in its natural state with the exception of minor clearing for line of sight of the lake in compliance with the County of Haliburton Shoreline Tree Preservation Bylaw. A 15-metre setback from the ephemeral tributary shall be maintained.

In order to protect the water quality of all surface water bodies, sediment and erosion control works in the form of silt

fencing and straw bales will be installed three metres down-gradient from all construction sites and shall be maintained and in place until the exposed soils have been fully stabilized.

That prior to final approval, the owner shall convey up to five per cent of the land included in the plan to the Township of Algonquin Highlands for parkland dedication. Alternatively, the Township of Algonquin Highlands may require cash-in-lieu of all or a portion of the conveyance. If the cash-in-lieu is set by appraisal, the owner shall pay all costs related to the appraisal.

Multiple fires force county-wide ban

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

A large bush fire took shape in Dorset on May 15. "It started around Highway 35, and threatened the Dorset Tower, as well as other locations in the area," said Mike French, the Fire Chief for Algonquin Highlands. French shared that there were five stations involved in fighting the flames, including two from Lake of Bays. The fire started small, but grew quickly. "People don't realize how unbelievably dry it is," said French, sharing that the fire was spreading at three metres per minute, which is approximately the length of a football field within 30 minutes. The total fire size was five hectares, with the exact cause still under investigation.

There were no injuries during the fire, and the departments managed to contain the fire throughout the evening of May 15.

The date proved busy for fires in the county, as the Minden Hills Fire Department (MFD) also received three calls. Just before noon, the MFD received a call about a fully engulfed structure fire that had worked its way to the bush line. The call required mutual aid from Dysart, and the teams worked until 3 p.m. to quell the flames, before being called to another bush fire on Black Lake Island, which required support from the local division of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF).

"The MNRF was called in to provide air support and confirm the size of the bushfire," Minden Hills Fire Chief Shain Duda shared with the *Times*, "MNRF brought in the water bomber to give support for the firefighter and MNRF personnel." Duda shared that the MFD went above and beyond to prevent the structures from catching fire, as the fire moved quickly.

As the day wound down, yet another call was made at 6 p.m. to put out another bushfire on Hanger Lane. "MFD deployed very fast and was able to knock the fire down and stop the spread of fire to the homes and surrounding bush," said Duda. "A tree fell on the hydro line that caused the small bush fire."

Duda reiterated that while it was an extremely long day for the local fire teams, he is incredibly proud of the commitment, dedication, and teamwork that was showcased.

As a result of multiple fires on May 15, the County of Haliburton has released a total fire ban for the region as of 12:01 a.m. on May 17. This is a joint decision made in collaboration with all four lower-tier municipalities, and supported by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. It is expected that the ban will be in place for a minimum of one week, with all bonfires, fireworks, and charcoal barbecues prohibited. Violating the ban will result in fines.



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CHA addresses key threats to lake health in the county

by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations (CHA) hosted their Lake Steward's meeting on Saturday, May 6 at Sir Sam's Ski/Ride to discuss the importance of monitoring lake health and addressed key factors affecting lake health presently.

The meeting featured three speakers focusing on key environmental issues affecting Haliburton County lakes such as invasive species, algae blooms, calcium levels, and climate change.

Each speaker outlined ways lake associations could conduct their own research to monitor these factors.

97 people were registered for the event.

"We've been monitoring the health of our lakes for 40+ years," CHA chair Paul MacInnes said. "That's a lot of change in those 40+ years. We hired the best limnologists, lake health specialists in Ontario, certainly in Canada, to do this project for us."

Aquatic scientist Joel Harrison began with a presentation about monitoring lake health in the 2020s and beyond.

He said first an association must agree on what they think lake health means for their particular lake.

"Why monitor lake health at all?" Harrison said. "It's important," just like monitoring one's own health or keeping track of investments.

Understanding lakes and their health means effective management plans can then be put in place.

There are a variety of aspects of lake

health that can be monitored, from simple to complex.

Emerging threats to lakes, Harrison said, "are climate change, algal blooms, salt levels, declining calcium, emerging stressors, some new chemicals like pharmaceuticals, and even things like light and noise from human development affect the living things in lakes."

Harrison focused on algal blooms, or phytoplankton, and the common misconception of algae being unhealthy for lakes.

"Phytoplankton aren't necessarily evil at all. They're a healthy part of the ecosystem, so they support the higher levels in the food web. They turn the energy of the sun into carbon," but too much of anything can be considered unhealthy.

He explained that phytoplankton, or plant plankton, initially helped life on Earth form.

"If you think at a really big scale, ultimately, we wouldn't be here at all on Earth without phytoplankton," Harrison said. "This might seem like an odd thing to say, but a few billion years ago, it was phytoplankton that first oxygenated the atmosphere."

Problems only arise when there are too many algal blooms and when undesired types of phytoplankton become prominent.

Lakes that have never seen algae in recent years now have blooms.

"Increasingly, in the 2020s, we think this is related to climate change, we're seeing more subtle blooms ... that's obviously a concern. There's an increase over time. A number of lakes have reported blooms for the first time, so that's going up, and that's suggesting that previously pristine lakes are starting to experience blooms," Harrison



Dr. Norman Yan presents during the CHA Lake Stewards event.

said.

Less ice cover means warmer lake temperatures.

"It affects the mixing of the water column, and that affects the biology of the lake, so more bacterial blooms," Harrison said.

Dr. Norman Yan, CHA lake health advisor, added in his presentation that zooplankton, or animal plankton, also have a direct relation to the amount of algae in a lake.

He calls them the "lawnmowers" of lakes. "On a typical July week, the entire volume

of any given lake has been filtered through the stomachs by these little tiny animals that you can't actually see," Yan said. "If algae grow faster or if they die slower, you may end up with an algal bloom."

Phosphorus levels must also be kept in check, as they are a nutrient for phytoplankton.

"While we all understand, and certainly in Haliburton, what happens in the watershed matters to what happens in lakes," Yan said. "If you get rid of the forest, if you get rid of the filter for phosphorus, you're going to end up with more phosphorus in your lake. So cutting down the forest, adding a source of phosphorus, not looking after your septic tanks, getting rid of the shoreline filters that absorb the phosphorus, that all matters, but also what happens at the bottom of lakes matters."

Other factors influencing algal bloom populations are invasive species, road salt, and calcium levels.

Yan said there was a 40 per cent decrease in animal plankton populations after the Spiny water flea began invading Haliburton and Muskoka lakes.

"They eat the little lawnmowers," Yan said.

Harrison also noted salt levels in freshwater lakes are increasing as more salt is added to roads in winter.

"It's essentially a linear trend over time with sodium chloride concentrations just steadily going up, and that's continuing to happen," he said. "The cause is, of course, road salt."

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Out of control

I AM SEEING people refer to the Minden ER closure as a “done deal”. This has those rallying on the front-lines bent out of shape. Yes, decisions have been made, but since the second that closure announcement went public on April 20, it’s been fought against. And it’s not just because of the closure. It was because there was seemingly no public consultation to get to that point. Locals and cottagers alike felt blind-sided. The constant they once had in their backyard was closed by a decision that was completely out of their control. Because that’s what so much of it comes down to. A sense of control. A sense of involvement. A sense of participation. In a democratic country, that’s what we strive to have. This isn’t the first time a decision has made us feel wobbly as a community. Another recent example were the closures during the COVID-19 pandemic. Regardless of what side you were on politically during that chapter, the entirety of the misunderstandings and confusion were rooted in a lack of control. There were choices we had been privy to making in the past that were suddenly in the hands of someone else. We lost that control. While some thought that fighting the lockdowns garnered some control, others advocated for following scientifically-based regulations to hold some semblance of stability.

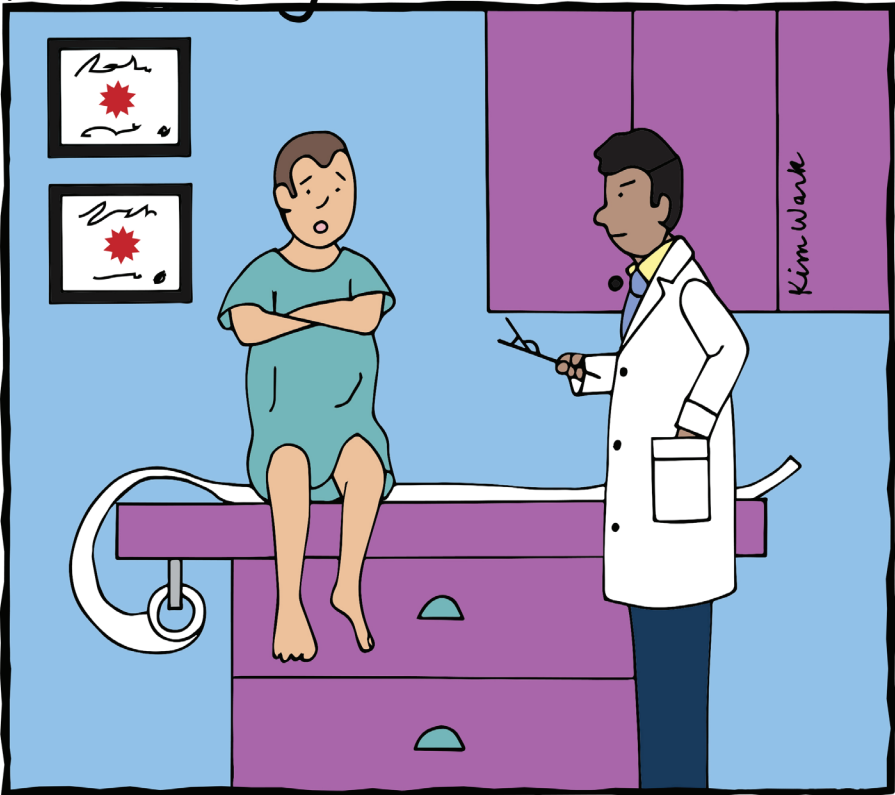
I think we can all look back now and unanimously agree that none of us really understood any part of that chapter; but we were all floundering, wondering how we could feel most in control during any given

moment through that chaos. We all experienced that differently. We feel safer in a space that’s controlled. We saw that spring up this past week, with an OPP press release sharing that two local women (and likely more who did not report) were approached and followed by men in the community. Both of these cases were done during broad daylight. And with that report, we lost control of the safety in our community. Women are reverting to walking in groups, or staying indoors until this blows over. Because this was our safe place, and now, we lost control. Maybe individual control isn’t what we need. We have a political and judicial system in place that’s designed to protect us. We vote for those who we believe will control our community in the safest and most efficient way possible. It’s impossible to have a society where every individual person can have independent control, but we can have a society that provides some semblance of that. A society where we encourage voices to speak up, values the opinions of others, and strives for collaboration over competition. As I watch the Minden Matters group continue to rally; from the Minden Fairgrounds and all the way to Queen’s Park in Toronto, I am watching them strive for control. To take back something they feel was taken away from them. To add comfort back into their corner of the world. Because when decisions are made unilaterally that impact an entire population; without consultation, conversation, or consideration, things are bound to get out of control.



EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

Kwarky



“Let me guess: it’s my weight; no, my drinking; or my cholesterol? It’s all my fault, isn’t it?”

Black fly decorum

NOW THAT black fly season is here, I think that it would be useful to speak a little about the importance of maintaining a semblance of dignity when confronted by the little darlings. This is only right since we will be introducing ourselves to a new generation of black flies and, as mom always said, first impressions matter. It’s also nice to be able to behave in a manner that does not illicit mockery from your so-called friends. Nobody respects the black fly dance, no matter how well you do it. After years of that and other embarrassing behaviours when dealing with black flies, I have concluded that the best tactic is to try to keep a stiff upper lip. That’s mostly because if your upper lip is quivering, they tend to home in on it. Always remember is that black flies are like any fierce, aggressive, man-eating predator, except they are much harder to hit when charging. That rules guns out. A better idea, of course, is not to incite a charge. The best way to do this is to stay calm and show no fear. The second-best way to do this is to immerse yourself under water. But that is only a temporary solution. Showing no fear won’t stop a black fly but at least it will garner some respect. The truth is you must resign yourself to the fact that, so long as the black flies are hungry, you are the restaurant. The best approach is to make your restaurant less desirable than the next one. One of the ways to do that is to go easy on the advertising. Flailing your hands

and arms in the air and running around in circles might seem like a useful thing to do when the black flies are taking an extended lunch break, but all it really does is attract more attention to yourself. You are essentially doing an imitation of one of those used car lot inflatable clowns. If I am with a person doing this, I always opt for the more reasoned approach – I play dead. Some people will also tell you that a good idea is to raise your arms over your head and make yourself big. But all this really does is expose your armpits to multiple itchy bites. And since scratching your arm pits in public or private is for some reason frowned upon in polite society, this should probably be avoided. If anything, I find it is better to curl up in a fetal position and make yourself much smaller than the next target. All these things work to some degree, but as previously noted, if you are outside and black flies are in the area, you might as well resign yourself to getting bit. Sure, you can flail, whine, whimper, curse, cry, or have a meltdown, but the only thing that will get you is a starring role in a YouTube video that goes viral. Also, your friends will ask you to do a recreation of that time “the black flies were really bad” at every party. My best advice is to grin and bear it, and always keep one eye open so you can have at least one eye free from black flies. And then find a good repellent that works for you. That’s always been my approach. Plus, I don’t go to parties anymore.



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Scoring goals requires passion

I HAVE NEVER been a Toronto Maple Leafs fan. Probably because I was born and raised in Northwestern Ontario, where most folks disliked southern Ontario and anything to do with it.

Toronto was the centre of power and privilege, sucking up our resources while giving us little in return. The Leafs were southern Ontario's hockey team, so most of us Northern Ontario kids ignored them while cheering and dreaming of playing for the Montreal Canadiens.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

Our hockey heroes were the masterful goaltender Jacques Plante, the left-wing legend Jean Beliveau and, of course, Maurice 'Rocket' Richard, the greatest hockey player of all time.

We loved the Canadiens because they played the game with pure passion.

Many of the players, notably The Rocket, came from struggling, impoverished families. The Rocket and others of his era learned to skate, play and practice not in fancy arenas, but on frozen creeks just like we did.

I thought a lot about those great Canadiens teams while watching the hapless Maple Leafs blow another chance to win the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup. They haven't won the cup since 1967, a full 56 years ago.

The Leafs' barely got past Tampa Bay Lightning in Round One of the playoffs. Their four-games-to-one loss to Florida Panthers in Round Two was pathetic, especially the uninspiring play of their "Core Four" players – John Tavares, Auston Matthews, William Nylander and Mitch Marner.

Those four – paid a total of US \$40.5 million this season – failed to score once in the first three games against the Panthers. The amount of passion they played with could be placed in an eyedropper.

Passionate play drove Montreal's Rocket Richard to become the first player in NHL history to score 50 goals in one season and the first to reach 500 career goals. He was a member of eight Stanley Cup winning Canadiens teams.

Richard played hard and rough. He was known as fire on ice for his lightning drives at the opposition net.

"When Rocket came flying towards me with the puck on his stick, his eyes were all lit up, flashing and gleaming like a pinball machine," Hall of Fame goalie Glenn Hall once recalled. "It was terrifying."

The Rocket and the Montreal Canadiens exemplified what the game of hockey is all about – the passion for scoring goals. Goals get scored when teams play with passion that lights fire in their eyes and their bellies.

It's been a very long time, but Toronto once had teams that played with fiery spirit. They made 71 NHL playoff appearances, winning 13 Stanley Cups between 1918 and 1967.

This year they had an excellent regular season record and fans expected to see them in this year's final – something they have not seen in decades. If the team had shown the same passion as the fans, they might have been there.

When a team that should go deep into the playoffs and doesn't, its problem is not just on the ice. There is something missing on the bench and in the executive offices.

The Leafs management was missing the ability to infect their players with the passion that wins championships. Management also seemed to lack confidence in itself, making continual lineup changes despite having one of the best regular season records in the NHL.

The Maple Leafs appeared to have had everything needed to be in the Stanley Cup final this year. Everything except passion and team spirit. They'll have to find those two things if they want to go anywhere next season.

How and where will they find it? A good start would be to look down the street and take a few hints from that other Toronto team – baseball's Blue Jays.

The Jays played some games on the same days the Leafs were suffering one playoff loss after the next. I did a lot of channel hopping to follow both teams.

On the Leafs channel I saw a lot of glum faces and dispassionate play. Turning to the Jays I saw impassioned, happy faces on guys enjoying playing the game. Smiles and laughter that build the team spirit that scores points and wins games and championships.

letters to the editor

Rethink fireworks this Victoria Day

To the Editor,

Victoria Day weekend is fast approaching, and over the past decade or more, fireworks have been part of the kickoff celebration of cottage season. But May is also the time that birds are hatching their chicks and other wildlife are bearing their young. Studies have shown that birds are severely impacted by fireworks and have been observed to abandon their nests, sometimes permanently. Some birds fly vast distances to flee the noise and pollution from fireworks and succumb from the depletion of their energy stores.

Many companion animals become lost or traumatized during fireworks displays as they flee from the noise.

Fireworks are toxic. They contain heavy metals and chemicals that have been shown to disrupt thyroid function in humans. They also bioaccumulate in aquatic life. The debris from

fireworks often ends up in our waterways where it is sometimes eaten by birds and other wildlife. The particulate matter causes air pollution and can aggravate asthma and other health conditions. They produce greenhouse gas emissions and add to climate change at a time when we need all hands on deck to reduce these emissions.

While fireworks bylaws have been recently altered to reduce their frequency, these bylaws aren't dealing with the toxicity and harm that they do. We are fortunate in Haliburton County to have habitat for birds and wildlife that other parts of Ontario don't. We need to treat nature with more respect.

Please consider some other form of celebration, especially in May, when birds and wildlife are at their most vulnerable.

**Susan Hay,
President, EH!**

Minden does Matter

To the Editor,

Hello - my name is Josie Giovenco. I am a Real Estate Investor (REI), Developer and Builder. I am the co-founder of BGR North Realty Group Inc. Due to family and friends/clients, I have been coming to Minden/Haliburton and Bracebridge area for over 25 years. As of Feb. 2022, I am one of the fortunate ones who can now call Minden home, a place where I work, live and play. For me, Minden DOES Matter and let me explain why.

I was born and raised in North York (Bathurst/Wilson area) and loved where I grew up as it felt like a small concentrated community in now what we call the City of Toronto. With life/work, I have had the opportunity to live in Brampton, Mississauga, Oakville, Burlington, Lucknow, Cambridge, Paris (ON), Delhi (ON) and now Minden. With my work/leisure travels, I have explored most of Canada and good portion of the US and have real estate experience in Colorado and Arizona.

With these moves, I have much experience in being part of a community of "change" hence fully understand the behind-the-scenes issues that Minden is facing, and as we know, core is housing (i.e. for staff, to fill our employment needs in hospitals).

As one who did not grow up in cottage country, and who is not focused on lake side living, rather non lake side living (as it is more sensibly priced), I have a passion for Minden as (in my opinion) it truly is "the gateway to the north for living/business". That is my goal and reason why we are here as Minden is facing many of the same "challenges" other communities have

faced, and it often starts with hospitals/medical. In now seeing how communities like Elmira and Huntsville have grown, Minden can become similar but in its own controlled growth way by people like myself (and others) who call Minden home.

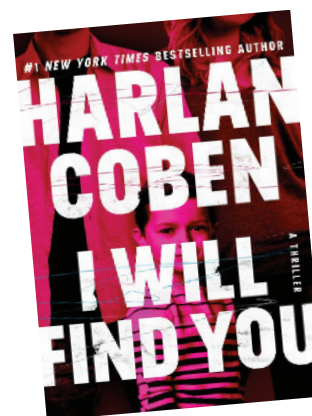
I often hear/read about people against growth but we all want services and with a population of proactive seniors, as I too have been through raising a family and caregiving for aging parents ... I often wonder, if we don't "grow", how are we going to attract younger generations and families who fill the many roles/jobs needed to take care of our aging sector. Life is cyclical and this applies to Minden as well.

From my part, as a business professional who is passionate about Minden, we purchased lands in Minden Village as housing is needed hence we are working with the Township on proposed projects of i) a 90-door condominium project and ii) a 236-door purpose built rental community within Minden Village. Along this journey, I will be working on introducing other companies to Minden and working on "controlled growth" as it is time to put Minden on the map as a beautiful community to live, work and play. If we don't all work together to support and collaborate with local people who have the opportunity to invest in and/or bring investment into this community ... well ... we will continue to face realities like we are facing with Minden's ER Department.

For me, Minden DOES Matter and I look forward to its growth.

**Josie Giovenco
Minden**

HCPL's Book of the Week



David is 5 years into serving a life sentence at a maximum-security prison for the brutal murder of his 3-year-old son. A sleepwalker with no memory of the fateful night, David was convicted based on his neighbor's claim that she saw him burying the murder weapon. But David's world is turned upside down when his sister-in-law visits with a photo of a boy who strongly resembles his deceased son. David decides he has no choice but to break out of prison and discover the truth for himself. Is that his son? Is he truly innocent? What really happened on that devastating night 5 years ago?

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Minden ER closure

To the Editor,

On May 9th over 25 members of the Minden Health Care Auxiliary met to discuss their future. For over 20 years they have supported the Minden Emergency Department and Hyland Crest. We understand that the closing of either emergency will have a negative impact on the other. We hope that the efforts of so many people in both Haliburton and Minden will, at the very least, delay this decision.

A motion was made "to remain in operation until August of 2024 to support the Minden Site" and was unanimously approved. The membership voted to keep our Gift Shop open and to fundraise with our Wine on Wheels draw. Tickets are available in our Gift Shop or from any auxiliary member. All funds raised will be for the *Minden Site* only. We ask for your help to keep us going!

**Gail Simon
President, MHCA**



To the Editor,

The following is a letter that was written to Sylvia Jones, Ontario's Deputy Premier and Minister of Health:

Ms Jones,

Thousands of people from across various ridings are suddenly going to realize that the exemplary Minden ER is permanently closed, (children's camps, cottagers with their countless visitors, white water paddlers, STR's, etc.) Will they be angered in disbelief that you, as the MOH, did not stop this?

1. Will you be held responsible for signing the Minden ER closure?
2. Are amalgamation or consolidation shameful doublespeak for closure?
3. Is the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Trump-like in their presentation of 'truths'? If various nurses who have applied for positions to HHHS could not get interviews regardless of experience, what other half-truths or mis-truths has HHHS provided?
4. What makes the current HHHS the absolute source of all the truth?
5. Will you pass the test of due diligence at doing your job if you are the one who signs to permanently close this Hospital ER, ... and real people's lives will be lost because of that?
6. Are you stating that a medical building, etc. can still be called a hospital?
7. Will there still be a blue H at the highway? If not, do not say in the Legislature that Minden will still have a hospital. What does a blue H mean if not at least an ER?
8. Will your fellow caucus members face long lasting fallout with their many constituents who value the Minden ER?

If many reliable people informed you that your GPS is taking you down a road that is unsuitable and dangerous, do you continue to 'follow the GPS? Probably not, you would change course rather than blindly rely on the GPS.

Are you going down a dangerous path ignoring reliable, highly-visible danger signals?

What does incompetence look like?

**Bernie Davis,
Minden**

To the Editor,

This was an open letter to The Board of Directors of Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS), MPP Laurie Scott, Haliburton Kawartha Lakes Brock Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health for Ontario, Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and the People of Minden:

Businesses in Haliburton Need Time to Help the Minden Hospital Stay Open

The people of Minden and Haliburton County, Ontario were surprised to learn that the Minden Hospital and its emergency department are to close as of June 1, 2023, due to a shortage of nurses. A great number of concerned citizens are busy trying to do everything in their power to prevent this from happening. The closure of the local hospital will have a direct negative impact on all residents and a powerful indirect impact on local businesses. The Minden hospital and the services provided have been a great community asset promoted by local business to attract and retain employees. The Minden and Haliburton County businesses will be significantly disadvantaged with the loss of this critical "quality of life" safety net. The HHHS has stated that it's a shortage of nurses that is the issue.

I want the HHHS to know they can expect the help of the community and businesses to secure more nurses at Minden Hospital. If the HHHS will delay the implementation of this closure, a Trust Fund will be used to attract nurses to our Minden community hospital. This Fund will be setup and overseen by members of the community and will work with HHHS with the only mandate being, to secure more and new staff for HHHS. Although it is hard to believe that on top of all the taxes we are currently paying we would need to resort to a special fund, this announcement proves otherwise.

Local Businesses launch Minden Hospital Help Fund

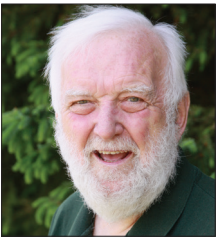
To get started, today I'm donating five thousand dollar (\$5,000.00) to this fund. The Trust and Fund is being setup by a local law firm,

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A system we deserve

OF COURSE, I am angry.... angry and concerned....and I am not alone.

The sudden announcement of the permanent closure of the Minden Emergency Department, coupled with six week deadline, has set me, and countless others, off and it continues to roil. The decision arrived out of the blue, with little consultation with the public or other groups within the medical community impacted by the closure. Not that every decision of the HHHS board and hospital management needs public vetting, but one of this magnitude and



JACK BREZINA
Point of View

consequence should not arrive via a press release and a six week deadline. Those who rely on the Minden emerge, many of whom

visit the site because they don't have a family doctor but have a medical concern which is not a full-blown emergency, were treated cavalierly by this action.

The justifications offered hold little water. Like all health care systems, HHHS has staffing issues. But having peeled that onion I have learned that the Minden Emergency has always been fully staffed by physicians and nursing professionals and the schedule was all but complete through

to September. The staffing issues were elsewhere, dare I say it, at the Haliburton emerge.

Now, I don't want this to become a Minden/Haliburton thing. These communities ironed out their differences on this matter over two decades ago and the solution should be honoured. I also concur that any disturbance within the health care system, no matter where it is located, should be of concern to all. However, a "merger" is not as benign an action as it is being portrayed. It will damage the trust in the health care systems in the county.

When HHHS was created, there were two hospitals in the county. Following consolidation, some trade-offs were made, one of which was the creation of a 24 hour

emergency/walk-in clinic in Minden. It wasn't a perfect solution, but for 23 years, as the numbers clearly demonstrate, it has served the area well. That decision should be honoured.

The community has risen-up and made its voice heard. Petitions, marches, letters and lawn signs all help to convince those who made this disastrous decision, how wrong it is. We may entrust our health care system to others, but it does not belong to the board, or to the ministry of health or Doug Ford....it is yours. As a consumer, you are well aware of its value, you have been paying for it for decades, you cherish its presence when you need it and you rest easier knowing it is always there, so your objections should be heard and respected.

letters to the editor

Minden ER closure

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Selbie Louch, that has offered their services free of charge. The funds are to be used for this specific mandate or will be returned to the donor(s). I and the business community need to hear back from HHHS that they will give us the opportunity to bring this support to fruition by granting an extension on the closure of the Minden Emergency Department.

The immediate dollar target for the fund is two hundred and forty thousand dollars (\$240,000.00). This will be used in the most expeditious and ef-

ficient manner to achieve the goal of nurse staff recruitment. Funds will go to offset travel and relocation expenses and retention through ongoing appreciation. The community is encouraged to donate as soon as possible based on their ability. Look for the communications to follow from the Steering Committee for Haliburton Health Coalition.

Jamie Walker, Load Rite Canada
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The Importance of Resident Input in Developing the Haliburton Highlands as a Sustainable Tourism Destination

You may have seen the Resident Sentiment Survey (RSS) that was shared online in December. In this fifth installment of six, and on the heels of Tourism Week in Canada, we are going to take a closer look at some of the key data that was revealed, which will be published in full here next month.

National Tourism Week, which ran from April 24th to 30th, is an annual invitation for all tourism partners to come together to champion and promote Canada's destinations, tourism businesses and employees – from coast to coast to coast, including here in our very own County. The theme this year was CANADA: Powered by Tourism and celebrated the current rebuilding of the visitor economy after a devastating two years for the industry, while also recognizing that there's a long way to go before tourism returns to being the \$105-billion economic powerhouse it was pre-pandemic.

While tourism in the County of Haliburton represents just a small percentage of that much larger national number, locally it is a substantial and very important part of our overall prosperity, and it is the reason we created the Destination Management Plan (DMP) and embarked upon the community-based tourism approach to begin with. As we work to recover and continue to build our tourism product in a way that is not only successful and sustainable, but that also provides real, tangible benefits to the entire community, your input via the RSS is invaluable.

As mentioned, next month we will share with you a one-page infographic that will show the key learnings from that first annual RSS – learnings that we have spoken to over the past few months here. For example, we learned that many of you (4.6/10) were not familiar with the role of the County's Tourism Department, especially now as we turn our focus to community-based tourism and what that means. We learned priorities for areas of growth include growing employment opportunities for young people to increase youth retention; developing tourism activities that align with the needs of residents, including affordability, and the protection and restoration of the natural environment; and building awareness of current tourism initiatives related to climate change, truth & reconciliation, and diversity, equity & inclusion.

All the responses you provided in the RSS will not only help to guide us but, and perhaps most importantly, will act as a benchmark that we can measure our results against over the coming year by comparing them with the results of the 2nd annual RSS, which will run from Sept. 11 to Nov. 12, 2023. For the first RSS we received close to 600 responses from both seasonal and permanent residents, despite the short-notice and limited time available to complete it. It is our hope that with more notice and a two-month window to respond, more of you will have your say in the development of our County as a year-round tourism destination that we can all enjoy and benefit from.

If you are interested in staying up to date on the RSS project, you can visit: <https://wadein.haliburtoncounty.ca/resident-sentiment-survey-rss>. Here you will be able to read the final RSS report, which is a summary of all the answers that were received from respondents, along with all the advertorials you saw here that spoke to various topics including why resident input matters, what is community-based tourism, and more; as well as the County's 5-Year Destination Development Plan, which provides insights into the creation of the RSS and our focus on building the visitor economy here in the Haliburton Highlands.

If you have any questions, please contact Tracie Bertrand, Manager of Tourism for Haliburton County, at tbertrand@haliburtoncounty.ca. Scan for more information.



Tennis Elbow?

But not a Tennis Player?

HAVE YOU ever been sitting at your desk typing on the computer, when you start to feel a soreness creep its way up one of your forearms and settle around your elbow? It can ache, tingle, or burn and seems to be getting progressively worse as you continue typing. A quick Google search will tell you it is Golfer's or Tennis elbow. How can it be that when you're not golfing or playing tennis?

Golfer's elbow is known medically as Medial Epicondylitis. If you straighten out your arms with the palms facing up and find the crease of your elbow, the medial epicondyle is the bumpy bone on the inside closest to the body beside that crease. Tennis Elbow, is called Lateral Epicondylitis. With the arms in the same position, this is the bumpy bone near the outside crease of the elbow.

The tendons in our forearms can be categorized into 2 main groups. The flexors and extensors. With the palms facing up, the muscles running from the pit of the elbow to the wrist are known as our "wrist flexors," while the muscle running along the bottom are the wrist extensors. They stay true to their name, taking the action of flexing and extending the wrist.

The muscles come together and form a common tendon, the wrist flexors attaching to the medial (inside) bone and the wrist extensors attaching to the lateral (outside) bone. Epicondylitis, either medial or lateral, is a form of Tendonitis. It causes pain and inflammation in the tendons connecting the forearm and elbow. This condition is caused by repetitive movement which leads to tiny tears that can cause wrist, elbow and/or forearm pain. Whether it be typing, grasping, knitting, twisting, hammering nails, swinging a tennis/pickleball racket or a golf club, excessive activity can lead to pain.

If left untreated, golfers elbow could cause permanent damage such as limiting range of motion of the elbow, muscles weakness and

grip weakness. Unfortunately is usually affects the dominant arm. Symptoms usually start as tenderness of the muscles surrounding the elbow, but can also radiate up and down the arm.

If you are experiencing tennis or golfer's elbow, there are a few remedies that can help prevent the condition from worsening.

- Icing after activity can help to decrease the inflammation (10-15 minutes, surrounding the elbow with a barrier between the ice and skin such as a tea towel)
- A brace can help with the symptoms (These are available at most pharmacies) -
- Stretching before and after exercise or repetitive activities (See below)

If the above strategies fail to help contact your

healthcare professional for an assessment. Additional treatments such as Ultrasound, Laser, deep tissue massage and comprehensive rehabilitation plans can help soothe and strengthen the area.

Wrist extensor stretch

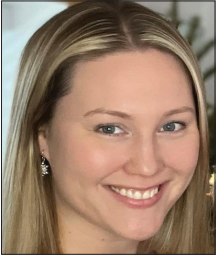
Use your unaffected hand to bend the affected wrist down as shown. Keep the elbow straight on the affected side the entire time. 5 times, hold for 15 seconds 2-4x/day

Wrist flexor stretch

Use your unaffected hand to bend the affected wrist up as shown. Keep the elbow straight on the affected side the entire time. 5 reps/ 15 second hold 2-4x/day

Prayer stretch - wrist

Place the palms of your hands together with your fingers pointed upwards. Then lower your hands in front of your chest to stretch your wrists. 5 reps/15 second hold 2-3x/day



DR. KASSIE WRIGHT
Wellness Corner with Kassie

It's time for some good news

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

Terri Mathews-Carl, the owner of Rhubarb Restaurant in Carnarvon, is ready to celebrate the kindness in our community. "I'm looking for good stories," she said, when she sat down with the *Times*, "and I was looking for a way to showcase people doing good things."

Mathews-Carl expressed that she was feeling overwhelmed with all the "bad news" circulating around these days; particularly on social media sites. "It's not good for our nervous system to be constantly seeing bad news," she said.

She noted that the inclination to "doom scroll" had spiked since the COVID-19 pandemic, and she feels it's easier for folks to get sucked into the bad news cycles.

So, she wanted a change. On May 8, Mathews-Carl launched the new campaign, "Good people, doing good".

"We all need some good news these days," she shared in the social media post, "Tell us about a good deed that someone you know has done, and for no reward. A great neigh-

bour, teacher, friend, or stranger who helped you out when you needed it most."

Once a month, Mathews-Carl will select one of these stories, and the person who was nominated will receive \$100 towards Rhubarb Restaurant to use at any time.

"We started four days ago, and we've already had over 30 entries," she said, "and the best part is that I get to read all these great stories of great people, doing great things."

While the campaign was launched through her business, Mathews-Carl clarified that this is not a business-driven initiative. "I have no ulterior motive," she said. "It's just so nice to know that there are still lovely people out there, and I can reward that."

The contest will run indefinitely, with one winner being selected once a month. Mathews-Carl will be sharing those submissions with the *Minden Times*, to ensure good news gets out into our little community for all readers to enjoy.

For more information on the campaign, visit the Rhubarb on their social media sites, or call 705-489-4449.



Community members started getting the beds ready on May 9 for the Community Garden at the Minden Fairgrounds.

Let's get growing

More volunteers are gathering on May 18 at 6 PM at the Minden Fairgrounds. All are welcome to join. The organizers say that if all goes according to plan, the gardens will be ready for planting by May 20. /Photos submitted



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Highland Yard gears up for 50th in-person run

by **EMILY STONEHOUSE**
Editor

Registration for the annual Places for People fundraiser, the Highland Yard (HY), officially opened on May 1, 2023. For the past few years, the event has been run by a sub-committee of Places for People. This year, the baton has been passed to Haliburton County Rotaract; a service group for young professionals aged 18 and over, who want to find ways to give back to their community. “It feels great to know that Rotaract gets to help with such an important tradition in the community,” said Christine Carr, the president of Rotaract. “The work of Places for People is so important to our community so it feels great to get to help ensure their work can continue.”

Even with the disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Highland Yard was able to pivot their runs to accommodate at-home participation. In a surprise to the committee, Places for People raised more money than ever before during those “virtual” runs. Now, they are ready to bring them back as an in-person event once again.

The events have run for 53 years, but in 2023, it will be the 50th in-person race. Starting in 1971, HY has seen over 5000 runners, and raised over \$20,000 for affordable housing. Carr shared that it feels like an honour to be able to carry on the tradition of the Highland Yard.

This year, the money raised at the Highland Yard will continue supporting affordable housing in the County of Haliburton. It was noted that 90 per cent of the funds will be



Members of Rotaract pause for a photo while sorting past Highland Yard merchandise to prepare for the upcoming race. Registration opened on May 1, and the group is anticipating that it will be a great year. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

helping Places for People in lowering mortgage and maintenance costs and purchasing additional properties to continue offer affordable housing and the remaining 10 per cent will support the Rotaract Club for commu-

nity service community initiatives.

“Rotaract’s mandate is ‘Service Above Self’, and that is what this is,” said Carr. “Our goal is to help serve the community wherever the need is greatest, and having ac-

cess to affordable housing is a huge area of need in our county.” She went on to say that working on the Highland Yard seems like a win-win, with the opportunity to promote the work of organizations like Places for People, while also offering a fun and community-oriented local experience.

When asked about whether anything will change with this return to in-person, Carr shared that Rotaract is very excited to jump in with two feet. “We are working hard to preserve the traditions for everyone who knows and loves the race while bringing our own unique energy to the event,” she said. “We want it as community-wide as possible, and are happy to work with any community groups or individuals who would like to join us.

The Highland Yard will be held on Aug. 6, with the starting line at the Minden River Cone. For more information or to register for the run, visit www.highlandyard.ca.

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Walk for Dog Guides Fundraiser

When: Saturday May 20th, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: Haliburton PetValu

Come join the Haliburton & District Lions Club for their walk for dog guides fundraiser. Check out the yard sale, as well as a selection of plants, books and baked goods. Remember to bring your pop tabs for puppies! Registration at 11:30 a.m., walk begins at noon. For pledge forms or for more information visit PetValu Haliburton, call 705-448-1128 or visit haliburtonlions.com.

Spring Book Nook Sale

When: Saturday May 20, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Minden Hills Public Library

Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library are hosting a Spring Book Nook Sale in the Fireplace area. A variety of gently read books: thrillers, mysteries, romance, biographies, children and youth selections, Canadian Authors, fiction, cookbooks, gardening, science fiction/fantasy, sports, spiritual and other non-fiction books. Payment is by donation. All money raised by the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library supports Library enhancements and programmes for all Libraries in Haliburton County.

B&B Blues Band; Rockin' Blues

When: Saturday, May 20, doors open at 6 p.m., show at 7 p.m.

Where: Haliburton Legion, Main Hall

Come join us for fun and music by the B&B Blues Band! Tickets are \$20per person and can be purchased at the Legion. Call 705-457-2571 or drop in. For more information visit bbbluesband.com or haliburtonlegion.com

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Schedules are subject to change without notice. Check our Facebook page [Minden Legion Branch 636](https://www.facebook.com/MindenLegionBranch636) for more info.

Dorset to keep library lockers at Robinson's

by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

The Dorset Depot Library Lockers will remain just outside Robinson's General Store in Dorset. The lockers will receive some colourful vinyl and new style of locks for better accessibility.

The lockers were introduced by Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL) in December of 2021 and have been popular amongst Dorset residents.

"Thanks to the ideas and support of Library Board members and suggestions from the community, we were introduced to the owner of Robinson's General Store at that time. Store staff installed the lockers in a front corner of the store protected by a ceiling overhang," said Chris Stephenson, HCPL CEO.

A courier delivers material requested from residents in water-resistant book bags from HCPL to the lockers each Wednesday.

"This spring we're going to switch the style of locks used on the lockers," Stephenson said. "The combination locks have caused some accessibility issues, particularly in winter when people have cold fingers. As well, we're looking to add some coloured vinyl to the face of the lockers – this will help protect them from the elements, but also beautify them with our library's logo colours."

The changes are expected to happen within the next few weeks.

The three banks of lockers are located in a sheltered area outside of Robinson's General Store at 1061 Main Street, Dorset.

"They are accessible 24/7," Stephenson said. Material can be requested from HCPL by phone or on their website, and the loan period is approximately four weeks.

To make a return, residents can just place their books and/or other material back in the book bag and back in their locker.

"When requested material is being sent to your locker, an email will be sent to alert you. The material will be held in the locker for one week. If you haven't picked up your delivery by the time the courier gets there the following Wednesday, the material will return to HCPL's Administrative Office and your holds will be removed," Stephenson said.

For more information, call 705-457-2241 or email illo@haliburtonlibrary.ca.



The Dorset Depot Library Lockers will be staying in place for residents to use and will be receiving new vinyl and new locks this spring. From left, Ravi Maddipati from Robinson's General Store and HCPL CEO Chris Stephenson stop for a photo outside the banks of lockers. /Submitted



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**Committee of Adjustment - Notice of Public Hearing
Application For Permission and Minor Variance**

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Hearing on:
Date: Monday, May 29, 2023
Time: 9:30 AM
Location: This meeting will be held as an electronic hearing by way of a virtual meeting.

To participate:
Join the meeting by telephone by dialing either: 1-647-374-4685 OR 1-647-558-0588
Enter Meeting ID: 826 0011 6093 and Passcode: 673752

Join the meeting using a computer or smart phone at:
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Members of the public are welcome to watch the Committee of Adjustment meeting by joining YouTube at: <https://youtube.com/live/6moH0AOrZlg?feature=share>

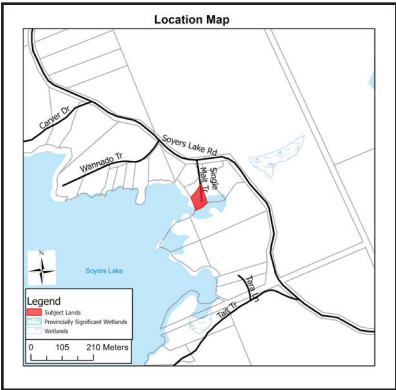
Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the Public Hearing must pre-register by emailing dsisson@mindenhills.ca by Friday May 26th before 4:00 PM or by attending and registering the morning of the meeting before 9:00 AM. Participants registering after 9:00 AM will not be permitted into the public hearing.

Once registered, participants will automatically be placed into a holding room and brought into the hearing as permitted by the Chair. Please note the live-stream link provided for each hearing will only be activated while Committee of Adjustment is in session.

The purpose of the Public Meeting will be to consider Permission and Minor Variance Application PLMV2023022 and the proposed minor variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act as shown below:

PLMV2023022 - Part Lot 32, Concession 9, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1020 Single Malt Trail and located on Soyers Lake (See Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from Section 4.8.2 of the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the expansion of a legal non-conforming dwelling, more specifically in the form of an addition to the dwelling and a new porch. The application would further provide relief from Section 4.8.4 i) and iii) and Section 5.2 to permit an increased extent of non-compliance towards the rear yard of 5.6 metres and 6.2 metres, for the dwelling and porch respectively whereas otherwise a setback of 15 metres is required; and to further permit an increased dwelling area of 56.4% and increased porch area of 44.4% whereas otherwise a maximum increase of 25% is permitted.



Additional information regarding the application will be available online. Links to meeting agendas and full reports can be found on our Minden Hills Civic Web. A copy of the complete application will be available for public inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department by appointment only.

Input on the above noted application is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail adougherty@mindenhills.ca.

Any person or agency who is of the opinion that holding the hearing as an electronic hearing is likely to cause them significant prejudice, may make a submission to the undersigned, and if the Committee is satisfied that holding the hearing as an electronic hearing is likely to cause the party significant prejudice then the hearing will be re-scheduled as an oral hearing. If a person or agency does not make a submission to the Secretary-Treasurer prior to the electronic hearing, and the person or agency does not participate in the hearing in accordance with this Notice, then the Committee may proceed without the party's participation and the party will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceeding.

Accessibility: The Township of Minden Hills is committed to providing services as set out in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. If you have accessibility needs and require alternative formats or other accommodations, please contact the undersigned.

Privacy Disclosure: As one of the purposes of the Planning Act is to provide for planning processes that are open and accessible, all written submissions, documents, correspondence, e-mails or other communications (including your name and address) form part of the public record and may be disclosed/made available by the Township as deemed appropriate, including anyone requesting such information. Please note that by submitting any of this information, you are providing the Township with your consent to use and disclose this information as part of the planning process.

For more information about this matter contact at adougherty@mindenhills.ca or 705-742-2297 ext. 278

Amanda Dougherty
Township Planning Consultant
Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment
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A spot of tea for Mother's Day

Mother and daughter duo Tori and Karen visited Abbey Gardens for their annual Mother's Day Tea on May 13. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff



It was a full house on May 13 at Abbey Gardens, with mother figures being treated to specialty teas and treats that were homemade on-site.



Bethany Houghton alternated between playing the violin and the cello throughout the afternoon tea.

Step Into Nature with the Master Gardeners

The Haliburton County Master Gardeners invite you to step into nature at the Minden Riverwalk, the popular walking path in the heart of downtown Minden. By May 26th you will see over 20 orange and green signs along both sides of this section of the Gull River.

According to Master Gardener member Shelley Fellows this free, self-guided walking tour of the Minden Riverwalk documents the flora and fauna on both sides of this section of the Gull River. Called "Stepping into Nature", this multimedia walking tour includes photos, detailed descriptions of plants, insect information and gardening tips, along with audio stories. Everything is accessible via a smartphone app called PocketSights.

In 2009 the shoreline was restored, and a pathway and pedestrian bridge were installed. Fourteen years on this place looks very different, says Master Gardener Carolyn Langdon. "Erosion has been stopped, native plants have matured, and the animal, bird and insect species have returned to nest, to feed and to pollinate the trees and flowers." "The tour documents this story of biological restoration, and we hope that it will inspire people to take steps to renaturalize their own property."

The public is invited to join the opening of "Stepping into Nature" with a community launch event on Friday, May 26 at 10:30am on the Minden Riverwalk trail at the corner of Invergordon Street and Bobcaygeon Road. The formal program with a unique "ribbon cutting" will be addressed by Mayor Carter, County Warden Danielson, U-links E.D. Andrew Gordon, and HCDC Program & Operations Coordinator Heather Reid. Each attendee will receive a free native plant and Master Gardeners will lead free tours of the Riverwalk. "The river is high, and parts of the path are submerged under water but there is enough to see and do even if the water remains high", says Master Gardener, Merryn Camphausen.

The Stepping into Nature walking tour was supported by a Local Initiatives Program grant from the Haliburton County Development Corporation. Community based research group U-links brokered a partnership between HCMG and entomologists from Trent University who conducted insect

research along the Riverwalk. The project was also supported by the Township of Minden Hills and local businesses including North Steel, Dentistry in the Highlands, Minden Canadian Tire, Molly's Bistro, Rising Thymes and Highlands Accounting.

The Haliburton County Master Gardeners is a commu-

nity service organization. Members are certified Master Gardeners, with expertise in horticulture, botany and gardening in harmony with nature. They are celebrating 21 years in the Haliburton Highlands.

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Canadian history through art and music

Robert Wong observes a piece by artist Rob Niezen during the *Cross Cut* exhibit opening at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. The exhibit combines linocut images in collaboration with traditional folk songs, which can be heard throughout the show in relation to the pieces. *Cross Cut* is running at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre until July 1. /EMILY STONEHOUSE staff

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Masterful Musician Rob Lutes is back

If you love music and expertly crafted songs, you won't want to miss a great performance coming to Haliburton! Rob Lutes and Rob MacDonald will be bringing their blues/roots music to the stage on Saturday, June 3, 2023, at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 in Haliburton.

Rob Lutes' music sits at the intersection of Blues, Folk, Americana and singer-songwriter genres. The coupling of his unmistakable soulful voice and his masterful guitar picking bring his large repertoire of exquisite, original songs to life. Rob will be joined by his longtime collaborator and guitar legend Rob MacDonald. Together, they will be sure to draw you in for a captivating show that will feel at times intimate, at others joy-filled with moments of singing along.

Rob Lutes has eight albums to his credit and has received multiple nominations for Canadian Folk Music and Maple Blues Awards. He was the 2018 and 2022 winner of a CFMA for Contemporary Singer of the Year. Reviews and accolades of his work are numerous: "A gem. Among the best in a crowded roots field." (*Toronto Star*); "... Rob deserves wide recognition as one of Canada's best musical assets." (Mike Hill, past Artistic Director, Mariposa Folk Festival); "With his sixth CD, Rob Lutes confirms his place among the most important songwriters of his generation." (*La Presse*)

For local songwriters, there is a great opportunity to learn tips from a master. Rob Lutes will do a songwriting workshop on the afternoon of June 3, 1 – 2:30 pm. He will talk about creativity and songwriting and share some principles and techniques that have helped him craft his songs and get down to writing. He will also share a few stories of great songs and songwriters of the past. A limited number of spaces are available.

This show and workshop are being presented by the Haliburton County Folk Society. For more information and tickets, visit www.haliburtonfolk.com

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Answers on page 20



CF Ontario recognizes LIP program

Each year, Community Futures Ontario, a government funded program to facilitate rural economic development, recognizes the successes and impact of Community Futures Development Corporations (CFDCs). In 2023, they presented four awards: Entrepreneur of the Year Award, Outstanding Youth Entrepreneur Award, Award of Excellence for Community Economic Development (CED), and Members' Choice Award. The Members' Choice Award combines nominees of all categories and is voted on by our members and the communities of the nominees.

The Local Initiatives Program (LIP) was created and is administered by the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC), and provides funding and advisory services to Not-for-Profit Organizations in Haliburton County. The purpose of the LIP is to strengthen Haliburton County communities by supporting community economic development projects that are incremental (new initiatives or enhancements/additions to existing activities) and strive to enhance the resiliency and vibrancy of the community.

HCDC has supported 150 community projects involving over 450 partners and organizations.

Congratulations to Haliburton County Development Corporation for the success of the Local Initiatives Program!

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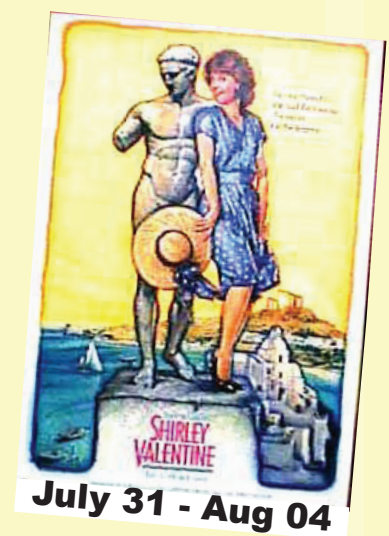
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/TIM YANO Special to the Times



Leora Berman, Turtle Guardians founder, shows the biology of a turtle.

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Expected Start date: Spring 2023
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- Hire, train and supervise the maintenance staff to ensure that all work is completed to a high standard and in a timely manner.
- Direct the maintenance and repair of camp's facilities, equipment and electrical and mechanical systems
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- Develop and implement schedules and procedures for safety inspections and preventive maintenance programs.
- Conduct routine inspections of camp facilities, equipment, and grounds to identify areas in need of repair or maintenance.
- Coordinate and oversee the repair or replacement of damaged equipment and facilities as necessary.
- Manage the inventory of maintenance supplies and materials, and order new supplies as needed.

Expected Start date: Spring 2023

Previous supervisory experience in maintenance, landscaping, or related field an asset. Candidates will be trained on-site and must enjoy working outside in a team-oriented, collaborative environment. Candidates can expect to work approx 35-45 hours per week. Must be willing to complete all government related certifications, including WHIMS.

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Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Monday, May 15th, 2023 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Joyce's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. Interment at St. Stephen's Cemetery, Boshkung.

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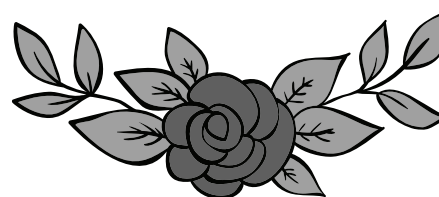
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Hospital

With no further purpose, the Minden Hospital Ad Hoc Committee folded last week. A new committee has been formed to take its place. Please see page 2.

Retiring

Cal Wilson, who spent the past 10 years as the manager of the Ontario Hydro office in Minden, is retiring at the end of this month. Please see page 7.

Debate

A request for a donation to the Staunworth Clock Fund spawned much argument at Minden Council. Please see page 14.

Hawks

The Ministry of Natural Resources is seeking out the nests of Red-Shouldered Hawks in the district to protect the territories of these rare birds. Please see page 33

Track

The HHSS track team was in Peterborough last Thursday, competing at the Kawartha meet. For results, please see page 25.

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TV listing move to This Week in the highlands beginning this week



It's raining, it's pouring . . . and there's no place for all the water to go but over the banks. Michael Dennison, 10, of Minden, was out for a walk in the rain last Thursday, but he wasn't about to take a rest on the park benches along the river—most were underwater. The river swelled last week, and with all the reservoir lakes filled beyond capacity there was no means of flood control left.

Highland insect epidemic imminent

Any day now the first signs of this year's expected forest tent caterpillar infestation will be crawling through the trees of the Highlands.

Haliburton is not alone, though, in having to face another outbreak of these nuisance insects. The Ministry of Natural Resources is predicting the native North American insect will reappear through much of cottage country, including areas west of Algonquin Park to Georgian Bay and from the French River south to the Severn River.

"The infestation will blanket a larger area than in the past three years," says Al Stewart, Algonquin Regional Director for the ministry in Huntsville.

However, there is some consolation for the areas that were worst hit last year. "Some locations which experienced high numbers of the caterpillar last year may not see as many this year," says Stewart. "What's happened is the various isolated populations of caterpillars have blended together, but former 'hot spots' may have a population decline."

Outbreaks of the forest tent caterpillar usually last three to four years. The population continues to climb until there are enough natural controls—predators and parasites—in place to

(more on page 12)

County sets deadline on hospital

The expansion of the Haliburton Hospital must go ahead this year if it is going to happen at all.

Two years of delays in the start-up of this project have caused the estimated cost to skyrocket—more than tripling in price since the original estimate.

The county is still willing

to cover its share of the cost, though, as long as the Ministry of Health releases its portion of the funding by the end of the year.

At a private meeting of Haliburton County Council last Monday night, unanimous support was lent to a resolution to cover whatever is outstanding of the local

share of this project.

The estimated cost of this 18-bed expansion now stands at \$4.22 million—up from the original estimate of \$1.3 million. This astounding price increase demands that another \$640,000 be raised locally—over an above the \$493,000 generated from the

original fundraising campaign and the \$266,400 already committed to by the county.

"This community has done its thing once and we're prepared to go one more time, but only if the government is going to act," Dysart Reeve Murray Feary said last Monday

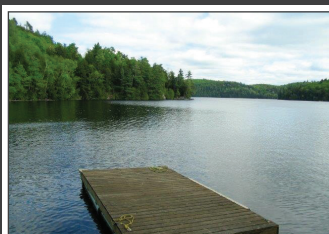
morning. He was speaking to his own council, which has agreed to provide \$150,000 to the project.

In addition to Dysart's commitment of \$150,000, it is hoped another \$200,000 can be raised through a second fundraising drive.

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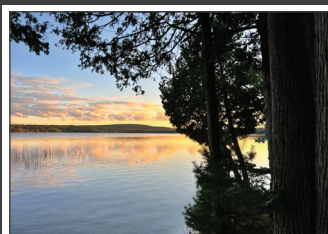
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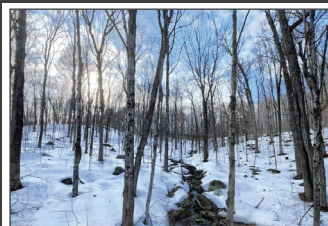
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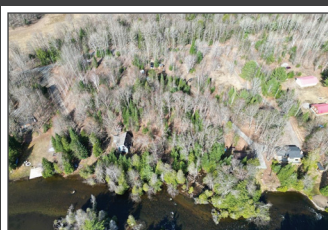
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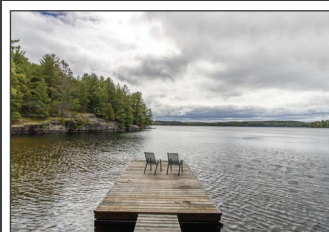
- \$274,900, Very Private & Peaceful
- 1.05 Acre Lot Fronting on Desirable Drag River
- Campfire Area, Outhouse, Installed Driveway
- Year Round Private Road Property



Karen Nimigon**
457-6505

Minden Home \$459,000

- 3 Beds / 2 Baths, 1000+ Sq ft
- Convenient Location, Double Car Garage
- Charming Bunkie, Private Yard w/ Gazebo
- Close to Town For Shopping & Amenities



Kelly Kay*
705-457-6841
Kirsten Rae*
705-854-1454

Soyers Lake \$1,700,000

- 3 Beds/2 Baths, 1800+ Sq Ft, 149' of Frtg
- Sunny Southern Views, Spacious Rec Room
- Recently Upgraded Kitchen, Woodstove
- 10 Mins to Haliburton & Minden



Darlene Reil*
447-2055

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- This is the time to think about listing
- Listings Needed!
- Call today for more information



Christine Sharp*
705-489-9968

Private, Building Lot \$159,000

- 2 Acre Forested Lot
- Beautiful Mixture of Pine & Maple Trees
- Public Access to Basshaunt Lake Close By
- Few Mins From All Amenities of Eagle Lake



Greg Stamp*
457-2128 x 128

Large Acreage on Cockle Lake!

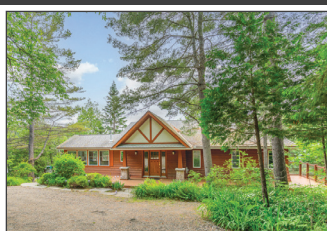
- 131 Acres, 3000+ ft of Water Frontage
- Hydro Available at the Lot Line
- Year-Round Township Maintained Road
- 20 Mins to Haliburton Village



Melanie Vigrass*
286-2138 x 232

Bethel Road \$549,000

- Incredible 194-acre parcel just mins from Minden
- Long gated driveway to private, cleared site
- Large frontage on picturesque Walker's Pond
- Trails throughout to explore, teaming with wildlife



Lindsay Wilkinson*
286-2138 x 223

Canning Lake \$2,950,000

- Executive Waterfront Home or Cottage
- 400' waterfront with over 2 acres
- Double Garage, Guest Cottage, Wet slip Boathouse
- 4 bedroom, 3 baths, 3000+ sq ft.

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